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## GENEALOGY.

### THE BRENT FAMILY.

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(CONTINUED.)

#### WILL OF ROBERT BRENT.

[SON OF CAPTAIN GEORGE BRENT, OF WOODSTOCK.]

In the name of God Amen, this sixteenth day of may in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and nineteen, I Robert Brent of Woodstock in the county of Stafford being of perfect and sound mind and memory, considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of life, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.: my precious soul I commit to my God who gave it, hoping for pardon and full remission of my sins, through the only merits and mediation of my blessed Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ, my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as to the worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I give devise and bequeath as follows, viz.: Imprimis I will and devise that all my just debts be truly and justly paid. I give devise Bequeath and confirm unto my son George Brent all the Lands either in Great Brittain, Bermudas, or in Virginia, that descends to me intaile by my Father's will or otherwise unto my said son according to the limitations in the said entailed lands descending to me. I Give and bequeath unto my son Robert Brent the five hundred acres of land, at the mouth of Quantico creek whereon the widow Champ now lives, to my said son Robert Brent and his heirs for ever; I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Brent the four hundred acres of land bought of Samuel Alder being part of Carys Patent as also six hundred acres of land bought of Francis Hamersly, the said two tracks of land I give and confirm unto my said son Benjamin and his heirs foreuer.

I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Brent the 4 hundred acres of land whereon Gabriel Adams and Walter Williams now lives besides the abovementioned lands, unto my said son Robert and his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Susannah Brent, one negro man named Harry, and one negroe woman named Cate, and their future increase during the term of the natural life of my said wife, and after her decease, the said negroes and their increase, to descend unto my three sons, Robert, Benjamin, and Henry, to be equally divided between them, and the Survivor of either of them, I give and bequeath unto my son George Brent and his heirs for ever one negroe man named Nick. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Brent one

negroe man named Robert to him and his heirs, and for fault of such heirs, then to my son Benjamin, and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin one Indian boy named William, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Brent one negroe boy named James, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my three Daughters, Elizabeth, Jane and Martha, two young negroes named Emah and Anne, and their future increase to be equally divided in value between them to them and the survivor or survivors of either of them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Brent five hundred and fifty five acres of land called Budgins to my said son Henry and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath the seventeen hundred acres of land I have on acquia run whereon Henry Harding, Roger Day and Edward Grimes now lives in manner following, that is to say whereas my Wife Susannah is now with child, now if please God it proves to be a male child, I give and bequeath to the said male child all that part of the said seventeen hundred acres of lands that lies on the north side of the said aquia run including the three plantations above mentioned of Harding, Day, and Grimes unto the said male child and his heirs forever. But in case the said Child my wife now goes withall should be a female, then I give and bequeath unto the said female the one hundred and fifty acres of land whereon Roger now lives to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.

In case it be a female child my wife goes with, then I give and bequeath unto my Daughter, Elizabeth Brent, the three hundred acres of land whereon Henry Harding, and Edward Grimes, lives to my said daughter Elizabeth, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, but in case the same be a male child my wife now goes with, then the remaining part of the said lands not bequeathed unto him, I give and bequeath unto my three Daughters, Elizabeth, Jane, and Martha, and the heirs of their body's lawfully begotten, to be equally divided between them, and for default of such heirs of any of my said daughters, then to my son Henry, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such heirs then to my son Benjamin, and the heirs of his body, and for default of such heirs, then to my son Robert, and the heirs of his body, and for default of such heirs then to my son George Brent and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son George Brent all my part of the patent of thirteen hundred and ninety one acres of lands lying in the fork of little Hunting Creek being the lands bequeathed by my brother George Brent to my said son George and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Brent one negroe woman named mariah to my said son and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son George Brent, one Indian woman named Deborah, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto the child my wife now goes with be the same male or female if it shall live to inherit the same the negro woman Mr. George Mason is to buy me or instead thereof the thirty two pounds ten shillings unto my son Benjamin is due to me, and in case the said child should dye, I give the said negroe woman or the said thirty two pounds ten shillings unto my son Benjamin and his heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife my own riding horse, with her side saddle and furniture.

I give and confirm unto my son George Brent the sheep and horse he had given him by my Brother William Chandler the horse named Rebell. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Brent his horse called Credi. I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Brent, one young mare, I had of Francis Hamersly. I give and bequeath unto my son George Brent my silver tankard to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my loving wife the use of the remainder of my plate during her natural life, and after her decease I give the said remaining plate unto my son Robert, and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving wife, my sons George, Robert & Benjamin, being my Executors to each one of them respectively, one feather bed and full and complete furniture to each bed to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, my sons George, Robert and Benjamin as my Executors my stock of cattle hogs and sheep for and towards the maintenance of my children, with the labour of the respective slaves, left to each child till my said Children shall arrive at the ages following, that is to say till my sons shall arrive at the age of eighteen years each, and my Daughters until they shall arrive at the age of sixteen, or at the time of their marriage.

I give and bequeath the remaining part of my personall estate to my loving wife and all my Children, as also the Child she now goes withall to be equally divided between them share and share alike in the just value thereof in such manner as my Executors shall think most just reasonable and advantageous to each of them.

My will and meaning is that if the child my wife now goes with be a female, that then my daughter Elizabeth have only the three hundred acres of land, whereon Harding and Grimes lives, and that the remainder of that tract of seventeen hundred acres of land be equally divided between my two daughters Jane and Martha and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten.

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife one mallatow woman named Pegg with her increase during the natural life of my wife, and after her decease the said mallatow woman and her future increase to be divided amongst my children then living or the value of her and such encrease.

I constitute ordain and appoint my loving wife, my sons George, Robert and Benjamin my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament, and I desire that my Brother Mr. William Chandler of

the province of Maryland may be a coadjutor to aid and assist my said Executors in the true performance of this my will, and I do hereby revoke and make null and void all former or other wills heretofore by me at any time made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

ROBERT BRENT [SeaL.]

Signed sealed declared and  
published in presence of

Henry Connyers,  
Leonard Knight,  
Signum  
Mary N. E. Edge,  
Signum  
William W. K. Kerney.

Att a court held for Stafford County the 14th day of Febry., Anno. Dni. 1721-2, the last will & testament of Robert Brent dec'd was presented unto Court by Susannah Brent, George Brent & Robert Brent, three of the Executors who made oath thereto, and was also proved by the oaths of Henry Connyers, Leonard Knight & William Kernsy three of the witnesses to the said will & is admitted to record, and on the motion of the said Susannah Brent, George Brent & Robert Brent and their performing what is usuall in such cases, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, and the said will ordered to be recorded which is accordingly, &c.

(Examined.)

GEO. MASON, C. Court.

A copy,

teste,

N. PEYTON, C. S. C.

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THE WILL OF MARTHA BRENT, DATED 7 APRIL, 1715.

[DAUGHTER OF GEORGE BRENT, OF WOODSTOCK.]

[From the Records of Charles county, Md.]

Bequests of negroes to her brother [in-law] William Chandler and sister Mary Neale, also to her nephew William Brent and Brother Robert Brent and to her said brother Robert Brent certain money due her from the estate of her brother Nicholas Brent and certain cattle, &c., due from the estate of her father Captain George Brent. Mentions her brothers [in-law] Raphel Neale and Oswald Neale. Leaves one thousand pounds of tobacco to be distributed among poor Catholics by Mr. William Hunter.

Proved May 12, 1715, by Jane Brent and Sarah Mudd, witnesses to the above.

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